

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. ) (18 U.S.C. § 1341)  
 ) (26 U.S.C. § 7201)  
 )  
TREVOR GILSON COOK, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

INFORMATION

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THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT 1  
(Mail Fraud)

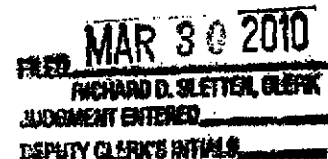
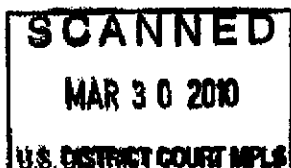
1. Beginning by at least January 2007, and continue through approximately July 2009, the defendant,

TREVOR GILSON COOK,

aided and abetted by others, knowingly and intentionally created, devised, executed, and attempted to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and other things of value, by means of materially false and misleading statements and representations.

2. During the course of the scheme, defendant, Trevor Gilson Cook, aided and abetted by others, raised at least \$190 million from at least 1,000 investors by selling investments in a purported foreign currency trading program.

3. In furtherance of the scheme, the defendant, Trevor Gilson Cook, caused false statements to be made to investors, including but not limited to, promising that the foreign currency trading program would generate annual returns of approximately 10% to 12% and that the currency trading involved little or no risk to



the investors' principal.

4. In furtherance of the scheme, the defendant, Trevor Gilson Cook, caused material information to be withheld from investors, including his knowledge of the precarious financial position of Crown Forex, SA in Switzerland, an entity through which Trevor Gilson Cook was placing currency trades and the fact that his currency trading during the period from July 1, 2006, through August 31, 2009, at PFG in Chicago generated trading losses in excess of \$35 million.

5. In furtherance of the scheme, the defendant, Trevor Gilson Cook, caused an account to be opened in the name of Crown Forex LLC at Associated Bank, which account was used to collect investor funds which were then diverted for the personal use of Trevor Gilson Cook and others.

6. In furtherance of the scheme, the defendant, Trevor Gilson Cook, caused statements to be sent to investors that misrepresented the status of their investments in the currency trading program.

7. In furtherance of the scheme, the defendant, Trevor Gilson Cook, caused a purported due diligence letter to be prepared falsely representing that Oxford Global Advisors had in excess of \$4 billion in assets under management and that all accounts were 100% liquid.

8. In furtherance of the scheme, the defendant, Trevor

Gilson Cook, withheld from the investors that fact that he was diverting funds that were to be invested for other purposes, including, but not limited to: (1) interest and principal payments to other investors; (2) purchase of ownership interests in two trading firms; (3) real estate development in Panama; (4) payment of personal expenses, including substantial gambling debts; (5) acquisition of the Van Dusen Mansion; and (6) providing funds to Crown Forex, SA in an effort to deceive Swiss banking regulators.

9. On or about January 29, 2009, in the State and District of Minnesota and elsewhere, the defendant,

**TREVOR GILSON COOK,**

aided and abetted by others, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud described in paragraphs 1 through 8 above, did knowingly cause to be sent, delivered, and moved by the United States Postal Service according to the directions thereon, a \$50,000 check from Arizona to Minnesota for investment in Trevor Gilson Cook's foreign currency trading program.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2 and 1341.

**COUNT 2**  
**(Tax Evasion)**

10. On or about April 15, 2009, in the State and District of Minnesota and elsewhere, the defendant,

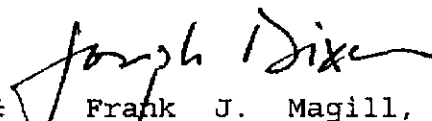
**TREVOR GILSON COOK,**

did willfully attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him to the United States of America for the calendar year 2008, by filing and causing to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service a false and fraudulent U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, in that the defendant falsely omitted from the return taxable income of at least \$5,285,719, upon which taxable income there was owing to the United States an income tax of at least \$1,844,571.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

Dated: *March 30, 2010*

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